

THE
Second-Sighted Highlander :
OR,
PREDICTIONS
AND
Foretold EVENTS:
Especially about the
PEACE.

By the famous Scots Highlander.

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THE Ancient experienc'd Person who in his Meditations of what shall succeed in this Age, has told such surprizing Things, and who having oblig'd us to conceal his Name, we call the Highlander with the second Sight, hath been very backward this Year to give us his Notions of Events; but being very much importun'd. he sent to us (the Publishers of his Book) the following Letter; which we thought fit to Publish, as a very good Introduction to the Work it self.

*To my FRIENDS who shall
Read or Print my Meditations
the Times now in Sight.*

MY FRIENDS,

CONCERNING what shall come to pass the
ensuing, he who foretold you so many
Things in the last two Years, was resolved
to foretell you no more : But behold the Vision
fulfilling, which he must not resist.

IN the Mountains of the abandon'd North,
Cover'd with Inhospitable Snows, where the
conquering Armies never tread, and even the Snow
itself would find nothing to devour, *WE*
Happy *because* of Misery : Secure *because* of
War : Free *because* out of the reach of those
make the World Slaves. *WE* enjoy Rest by having
no Advantage for Labour, and having nothing to
fear worth a War : *WE* possess all in Peace : In the
remoter Corners *WE* nevertheless by an incommen-
surable and unknown Method discern what *THEY*
act upon the more famous Part of the World's
South, are doing, and shall do : *WE* see with
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War, and Consultations of the grand Assemblies of the World are not conceal'd from us. In my traversing the waste and barren Mounts of my Country, I see Mists crowning distant Mountains, and marching to shock and engage each other, flaming Meteors dart this Way, rise, fall, shoot and flash; direct, oblique, prone, perpend, and pointing to each other: Moving Air describes in (to others invisible) small and exactly shap'd Clouds, the very Faces, Shapes, Names and Distinctions of such Persons, Nations, Towns, Cities and People of whom those Mists, Meteors, and other Clouds represent the Actions: Darknes it self forms the Posture of things by which *WE* see, and every Cloud is fill'd with Hieroglyphicks for the Assistance of this uncouth Attainment called *SECOND SIGHT*.

In this Manner Peace, War, Life, Death, Fate, Catastrophe, Plague, Dearth, Plenty, Victory, Loss, Storms, Blasts, Tempests, and universal Event is more easily seen by *US*, than any Calculation from Views of Stars, Constellations, Motions or Positions of Heavenly Bodies can discern: As these Views have signified then in my Observe for the Year coming, take them as follows.

First VISION.

IN the black of the Night, *Lamon-top* being two Thirds dismal, came a light Gleam from the *East*, thro' which, piercing Sight discovers, that in the Councils of the *Northern* World much Confusion happens in the first of the Year about Peace and War; the Crowns
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and Powers engaged against *F--e* inveigh against one of their own Ally'd Branches, and being Exact perate at that Power for what they call Betraying them, consult how to make Peace themselves, and Avenge themselves of those who dealt Treacherously with them, but Power fails; I saw the Muster-Roll of their devised Power too weak, so they content themselves with Recording, that separating Power in all their Archives as the most perfidious Nation upon Earth, whether justly or no the Vision says not.

A Voice I heard not, but in Capitals of bright Air were written on a Cloud at inconceivable Distance, such Words (tho' in Celestial Characters) as these, *The perfidious Nation trodden down of those she Saved, and laugh'd at by those she Betrayed.* In the Measure of Time observ'd by our Ancestors from the Degree of Brightness on the Cloud in the Center of Vision, this Appearance signifies twelve Years, eleven Lunar Months, some Days, e'er it come to pass.

The bright little Body of Cloud which represented Peace moved on, but stopp'd before the Place design'd for its Rest; so no Peace seems to be yet ripe enough to be declared in *Europe*, whether General or Separate.

The North Point of *Mac-derf* over the great *Lough*, I dur'd three Days and a half: There I see three Months and half of this coming Year the Nations of *Europe* shall prepare for War, tho' Peace be in their Words, and I fear even then, another Year of Blood e'er the Quiet of *Europe* be Established, the louring Cloud ending in black, not bright, shows to

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All the Councils of *Europe* busied in oppressing the Nations by Taxes: This I saw in an infinite Appearance of Cloud representing the People of the World stripp'd Naked, and crowding together to get Food and Covering in Winter.

Second VISION.

FOR the Morning Sun rise, or the comfortless Day of Cold and Storm breaks in the howling Waste of the black High-Lands, I am call'd out to see a dancing Light dazzling and casting dismal Reflections on the Seas, made also black by boisterous Winds. What sees the piercing Eye in this Glimmer of Mock-Day? I see there Strife and Envy; two She-Furies riding Victors among the Nations of *Europe*, and filling them with the Noxious Vapour of their stagnant Seed, impregnating the Passions, and embroiling the Councils of *Europe*.

The once United Powers jar, differ, envy, strive, each willing to make the best Terms they can in the Peace, which they all at edge themselves forc'd to agree to; but each jealous of one another, lest one makes the Concessions which the other would make, to gain the same Advantages.

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The like Effects of Strife and Envy among the Northern Confederates, who all incline to make Peace with the *Suedes*, but agree not with one another and lose thereby both the Occasion of a good Peace and the Advantage they seem'd to have by the War for the *Suedes* who seem'd to be Ruin'd, escape, and remain still formidable ; they also begin to find Friends among the Christian as well as Turkish Powers of *Europe*, who resolve to check the Ambition of the *Muscovite*.

Amber Clouds rising from the Dawn tells me by the Vision of their Figure, that the threatening Preparations of War in the *North* fill *Europe* with Apprehension that their Miseries are not at an End : But beyond all this, the pointed Eye saw a Calm with assured Lines of Peace written over the Angle of Event for the whole Year ; signifying that this Year shall however finish the Strife of this part of the World but a *Vista* beyond all, shews that Peace shall neither be pleasing or lasting.

The farther Part *South* of these Appearances assure me that the Strife of People among themselves will late not in this Nation, and the Vision portend Blood, and much Confusion in the End of Things tho' not yet ; some Tempests shall about the Month of *February* terrifie these Parts, and Merchants suffer much Loss.

Third VISION.

THE Sun in its Rising with bright Clouds gave Leave to the fierce penetrating Sight to be written in its Center the Fate of Nations, in Characters

Characters of enamell'd Spots Chain-like, forming Let-
 ters unintelligible, but to the Power of revers'd
 Opticks: Here the Vision reads a Crown'd Head
 giving up its Life, and giving Peace to its People by
 the Way of the Grave: Confusions follow in ma-
 ny Parts of the World: Bloody Characters writ-
 ten on the Left hand part of the Appearance tells
 us, that the Western part of *Europe* begins now to
 flame; the *French* and Imperialists begin the War
 as if they had cast off Thoughts of Peace; yet
 the Armies cannot be in their compleat Appear-
 ance in the Field; *Britain* strives to prevent, but
 cannot effectually do it yet, and *Holland*, tho'
 unwillingly, sits passive; Negotiations of a certain
 Power to oblige to Peace, are refused, and that
 Potentate upbraided by common Assent of many Na-
 tions with dishonourable Actions: Spots in the Sun
 describe the Ignominy of Princes and Crown'd
 Potentates, the worse by how much all the Pro-
 ceedings contradict former Measures of the same
 Power with the same Persons and Parties, and in
 the same Cause.

Here in a clear Horizon appears the Genius of
Sweden oppress'd with many Enemies, stript of many
 of its Plumes, that is Possessions, grown despe-
 rate and raging, but naked and forsaken, yet ri-
 sing by its own Virtue in the End: This, the
 Vision tells me, shall end thus: The King of that
 Nation finding it not impossible to embroil the *East*
Europe in a War between the *Turks* and *Mus-*
covites in his Behalf, quitting the Territories of the
Turks, with an armed Force, appears again in *Pole*.
 This procures new Scenes of Blood and War; but
Sweden prospers, not till last of all, and remote.

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Britain sits still, and engages not in Foreign Wars, by which the People obtain some Ease of Taxes; but Civil Feuds embroil us; our bright Sun shines with many Spots, and all our Hemisphere suffers an Eclipse by the Intestine Quarrels among contending Sides at Home; especially expect Troubles from the *North* of various Kinds.

Great Talk and private Attempts about *Maro* to make Way for the *Pretender*, but that Fruit is not ripe, and some who pretend to pull it before it is come to Perfection, make much of it Fall to the Ground in the shaking; two Great Men fall at the Time, by whom the Enemy have so many the few Friends.

Fourth VISION.

THE Grey of the Morning, thick with Wind and Clouds, forms Vapours in dismal Aspect over the great Lake of the floating Lands: Two Islands swimming in *Lomon* shock and dash together. The *Vision* sees Armies of Animated Part shaking together with such a Force, as entire sinks and overthrows One: *Note*, The Honest sink the Knavish swim; the evil Spirit Victor over the good; Power oppresses Right, and Liberty in certain Nation receives a great, and almost fatal Blow.

In very Legible Characters to such whose Internal Opticks are rightly employ'd, I read War not beg

begun in four Places in *Europe* : *France* receives
 some Advantage, but is checqu'd by a flaming
 Prince from the *North-East* ; a great Person who
 travels Abroad on his private Occasions is courted
 to embark in *Europe's* Quarrel, in behalf of some
 of those he formerly assisted ; as yet he declines.

Terror appears in the Vapours following the
 ; Mortality begins to threaten the World ;
 trembles, and *Germany* also, but the Season
 young, the Day early, and the Sun not risen
 its Meridian.

Kindly Seasons promise well, plenty of Food
Britain, and Scarcity Abroad, gives us an Ad-
 vantage which we know no more how to use, than
 to deserve, or be thankful for.

Odd Doings in the Assemblies of the Estates of
 certain Country, juggling of Statesmen, and the
 very surprising End of a Great Person about
 Months of *April* or *May* ; some Action in the
 this time ; on the *Rhine* great Motions,
 the War goes on faster than the Peace,
 ally on the Side of *Spain* and *Italy* ; the
 seem to waver very much, and it may
 all by this time conclude vigorously to stop
 effusion of Blood : *Spain* weak, acts no-
 but the *French* push in *Catalonia*, and the
 or unable to relieve his People there, com-
 with some Things which he would not else
 some Blood drawn about the *Rhine* ; a
 Action or two, and Loss on both Sides ;
 Germans suffer, but revive.

Fifth VISION.

Morning and Evening expose the Circles of Vision, Midnight-Dark abating, the Light for the conceal'd Sight lie parallel at the Setting or Rising of the Sun, which now begins to leave no Night in Parts so near the Pole as there are. From the Summit of an immense Mountain lying *East*, come darting every Morning, Rays of Vision, which are perceptible only to those who see by Internal Perspective.

Here I see the Broils and bloody Contentions of the World are not at all abated, but in a manner remov'd from the Camp to the Cabinet; the Fury and Animosity of People, and especially the Princes of the World, is exerted in their forming Interests, and strengthening them against one another more by New Confederacies than by Open War.

I see a Storm in the vast Northern Calce Ocean, Seas rise against Seas with threatening Bulk, and Waters gathering to the Battle sudden Accident arising from small Occasions ill managed, shall cause Two great Maritime Powers of Europe to threaten War against each other, and Open Preparations on both Sides it seem Impossible to be avoided, but Heaven over rules and averts the threatened destruction for the present; how long, the Poet says not.

The first publick Steps towards a General Peace are taken about this time, both Sides being by this time able to make some Estimate of the other's Strength, and the Events of War. A great Siege about this time, this alters the Affairs of the Emperor, if the *Dutch*, accepting the Cessation of Arms, withhold their Fleets, *Catalonia* must fall into the Hands of the *French*, and of the *Spaniards* of course, and the Imperial Army capitulate to be sent away: Count *Staremburg* is willing to have a parting Blow with the *Spaniard*, and makes one last Effort, but want of all things oppresseth the *German* Valour, and disappoints the well-laid Designs of the Count, tho' an Experienc'd General as any in the World.

Thro' a bright Emanation the piercing Eye sees a black dismal Time, threatening Judgment, Mortality and Contagion, the legible Part spells *Hamburgh, Hungary, Constantinople, Italy, Bremen, Pomeran*; if the *Plague* visits not most of these *Parts* this Year, my *Second Sight* must fail more than I think it shall; let other nearer *Parts* prepare for it.

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Sixth VISION:

THis Season, which it was expected should have finished the *Plagues* of Mankind respecting War and Bloodshed, affords us rather threatening Prospects of new Commotions; the *Dutch*, and some *Princes* of *Germany* arm a new, being alarm'd at some Proceedings which respect the Succession of Monarchs to some Dominions on this *North* part of the Globe; these Preparations shall put some on this Side in great Consternation, and others in great Expectation; nor does the *Vision* of this Season reach to the End of these New Affairs: *WE*, who in this Island have upon our Hands a Matter of the last Moment respecting the Succession of our Monarchs, cannot be without Concern in such an Affair, and if some Attempts are made to its Prejudice, they may be expected about the Months of *June* or *July*; let the *People* of *Britain* take heed of pulling down with their own Hands their Securities: None can hurt them but themselves.

Heaven threatens, as far as the *Power* of dictated *Vision* extends, great Calamities upon the Face of the Earth about this time; War makes the least Havock this Year, yet Blood flows plentifully in the *North*, no Accommodation can yet be made with the *Svedes* and the *Muscovites*; the *Turk* threatens, and the *Muscovite* prepares for them; the Frontiers suffer dreadful Ravages on both Sides, but *Poland* feels the Heaviest of the War: The King of *Sweden* now pushes

ushes Home on every Side, and bids fair to reduce all his Enemies ; a bloody Action in Poland.

Utrecht is now the Scene of War : There the Fate of Kingdoms seems to be absolutely decided, neither Side make any considerable Advantage of the War in the Field, yet some small Advances are made in the Treaties, and the several Pretensions of the *Princes* are so great, and their Interests so inconsistent with one another, that they come yet to no Conclusion, the Breach has been too wide to be soon closed.

A Fight in the *North* between the *Swedes* and their Enemies ; the *Swedes* have the Advantage, but with much Loss, which weakens them, and inclines them to Treat again : Some new Friends to the Swedish Interest appears, and *France* threatens the *Muscovite*, but has his Hands to all yet.

Seventh VISION.

THE Glorious Show of *Peace* which appear'd in great Collections of bright Clouds in our *Eastern* Heavens, have some time drawn together, and I hope still to be able to sing, *Quiet on earth, Good-will towards Men* ; but to my Amaze, they separate again, and retire each from other, leaving

leaving a vast Chasm or Interval without Measure, deep as the Sea, and black as the Abyss. What can this signify! Breach of Treaties, Disappointments among Allies and Confederates, Interruption of the expected Blessing of Peace, and all Sides making Appearance of farther Discontents, preparing as, if they resolv'd to open again the Breaches of Europe, and renew War and the Sword: Great Havock made in the North by bloody Actions more than One or Two between the Poles and the Turks.

The Alarms which caused the Dutch Powers Arm, mention'd before, contribute to this among the Nations; Britain shares this Year an uncommon Perturbation, Peace in appearance, but internal Chagrin among her Nobles, Discontent and Fears among her Commons; Measures shall be taken in transacting under-hand to strengthen Interest on every Side, in case of a Rupture at Home either by Mortality or otherwise: Great Apprehensions in case of Demise of the Incumbent, that the Crown is in Bargain to a Foreign Potentate, whose Power threatens the setting on by force on a Head which every one rejects; The Event of these Dissatisfactions seem to threaten Blood, but while God preserves one Reign in Life, these Shadows appear distant enough.

The Appearances of a War between Britain and the Dutch abate, and there rise up streaks of Light, which make smooth the Face of the Ocean where the Threatnings of a Maritime War were seen; yet Misunderstandings remain and leave rankling behind unheal'd, which

be in Danger every Year of breaking out, unless more perfectly healed at the Conclusion of General Quiet in *Europe*.

Great Mortality about *July* among the Men of Rank and Degree in the World, among whom three Sovereigns go Hand in Hand to the great Abyss, from whence no looking behind: The dark threatening Appearance which gave a View of the Contagion in *Europe*, continues, and Multitudes are swept away.

Armies ravage *Europe* without Action, and knowing neither *Peace* or *War* by the Orders they receive, yet live at Discretion, and the poor People in View of *Peace*, feel all the Calamities of *War*, even on both Sides.

Eighth V I S I O N.

If the usual Appearances of *Peace* shew any thing of Certainty, now they draw together again, *Britain* having from the first laid down her Arms, and making no Shew of taking them up again, except to enforce the *Peace* She has projected; Neighbouring Potentates find some necessity of complying, and begin to close, but not without National Cursings and Imprecations against a certain Potentate, who they in loud reproachings charge with betraying the Cause which they say they had undertaken, and sworn to maintain.

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The Combustions in the Heavens descending to fall in Cloud and Tempests, give our *clear Second Sight* a View of the Agitations which the Men of all Nations suffer at this time, and the Peace they seem to yield to become more grievous to them than the War; but Heaven over-rules and gives Peace to some People in a Judgment for their Correction; for lo, all the Peace which shall appear, prevents not new Broils from breaking forth in the World, and the Great Men continue to tear one another in pieces.

Whensoever the Conclusion of what the People call *Peace*, appears among us, it deceives the Expectation of every Side; those who expect the Nation shall be effectually settled and quiet at Home by having *Peace* Abroad, and those who expect that new Wars shall immediately break out Abroad, are equally deceiv'd; the furious Agitation of Parties at Home rather encreases than abates by the Stop which is put to the War Abroad; strong siding against the Great Ones, quarrelling the Peace, impeaching the Integrity and Design of those who have brought it to this Length, as what has been a Ruin to the Measures formerly taken both at Home and Abroad; great and formal Accusations of Ill Practises against the publick Welfare involve several Great Persons on either Side, and these again embark Parties to their several Interests, the Heats rouse both Sides to terrible Attacks upon each other, and Rabble decides the Controversie at last, to the unspeakable Distraction of the People.

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The Northern Powers of Europe still contend, and make great Devastations among the Innocent People of the Empire: *Germany* feels great Sorrows, the Aspect of Things appears dreadful for all Parts of *Europe*; great Storms, Tempests and violent Rains as well as violent Heats afflict *France* and *Spain*, which destroy both their Harvest and their Vintage: The Court of *France* apprehensive of the Plague, but escape this Year: A great Difference happens about this Time between the *Turks* and some other *European Princes*, which threaten another War on that Side, but the Prudence of some Mediators prevent an open Rupture; *Muscovy* trembles at *Turkish* Power.

Italy desolated this Season in many Parts by Contagion of Men as well as Cattle, and great Troubles in *Naples*, occasion'd by the Avarice of the *Germans*, which are not suppressed without great Ruin and Oppression of the People.

Ninth VISION.

FROM the clearness of our Morning and Evening Exhalations are form'd now a Variety of bright Visions representing Peace, and comforting Circumstances to *Great-Britain*, *France* and *Spain*, and some other Parts of the World; but by the Operation of our most clear Perception, all appears dark again; towards the latter End of the Year Clouds of Dissention arise in *France*; perhaps the great Fury, whose Emblem is the Sun

in his full Strength, is now setting ; if not, if Death is not his Portion, at this Time, some Capital Disappointment shall attend him and his Affairs : Misunderstandings are begun between *France* and *Spain* about this time, which in process of Years shall divide these two Nations as much as ever, and tho' not in the Life of the present King of *France*, shall end in a War between those Two Crowns immediately after, and this War shall embark *Europe* in new Engagements very differing from what the late War had occasion'd, or the present Peace been forming among us.

I see here the Year closing without a perfect Conclusion of the *Peace*, but the Expence of a fruitless War on both Sides seems to incline all Parties, even *France* it self, to a greater readiness to comply. The Emperor has not carried on his Share of the War without eminent Loss in the Field, especially in *Germany* ; nor the *French* without great Expence of Men and Money, his early Expeditions on the *Rhine*, long Marches into *Spain*, and the excessive Heat there, have barras'd his Army, and ruin'd his Infantry : In *Flanders* equal Fatigues, and little or no Progress hath attended both Armies, so that all seem to incline to *Peace*, and to set about it with more Earnestness than ever, yet great Obstructions lie in the Way ; I see indeed great Probability that it shall be finally completed in the Months of *September* and *October* but some Accidents may still intervene to prevent it.

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Something threatens *Italy* this Season, and the Death of the Pope, attended with unusual Difficulties threatning a Schism in the Romish Affairs seem the End of things there; the Conduct of the *French* in these Things will have a great Share, nor will this Year end it.

Mount *Vesuvius* may have an unusual Irruption about this time also, and some Earthquakes in *Sicily* are like to do great Damage; Scarcity of Corn in *Italy*, *Spain* and *Lombardy* reduce the Poor to great Extremities.

Tenth VISION.

BY what Aspect our usual Appearances have at our Tenth Observation, I see Hopes that the End of the Year closes with *Peace*, and for that reason I give you but *Ten Visions* for this Year, whereas before it was in *Twelve*. The Allies of *Britain* concluding, or not concluding, we allow our selves to be in *Peace*: The General Treaty eminently manag'd by the *British* Influence, may not yet have effectually been finished, but the *Peace* as entertain'd by the *British* Sovereign, appears made for our selves, and such of our Allies as stand with us; the rest complain loudly, and talk high, but see a Necessity of Complying, and putting an End to the War which now every Body think better of than they did before.

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Many of my Second-Sighted Friends say openly that they see farther than I have done into these Things, which I will not deny; they pretend to see that the *Peace* was made some time since, with ill Views and ill Prospects, and by ill Men, and will but ill last, and that many ill Consequences shall happen from it; but I shall rather publish my own Views, and what my own Sight discovers, than what these Men say: I cannot say with Verity that I have such black Sights beyond the *Peace* as they have, and therefore say to my Countrymen and Friends, That if the ill Things do follow the *Peace* which these Men predict, it must, very much of it, be the Mis-management of our own selves at Home that may procure it, and that therefore, if they please, the *Peace* shall be well or ill for them: Among those who have it so much in their Power to better to us the Effects of *Peace*, none so much as those who make it; who, if they will prevent the Influences of *France* over Affairs in *Britain*, and in the rest of *Europe*, questionless may cause the Effects of this *Peace* to be less hurtful to *Britain* than otherwise it would be: These Men can, no doubt, prevent the Dangers of the Party who favour a Wrong Succession, and can bring the Nation to a more settled Condition in that Affair than we are in at present: Whether they shall do this or not; whether they shall take Effectual Care or no to prevent the Fears of the People, and farther to secure us after a *Peace*, I shall give a more direct Account of in my next Year's Predictions.

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The two last Months of this Year threaten great Loss and Destruction in *Europe* by unusual Tempests, especially about *November*, the gathering Torrents I see evidently in the Air, and all the Heats of Summer furnish Vapour for this Irruption; it is probable the same shall be attended with great Innundations of Water.

Some great Calamity threatens *Germany* and *Hungary*; whether the *Northern* War shall break out again, or whether the *Turks* shall fall in upon the Empire, does not yet appear, but it seems that the War in the *North*, notwithstanding all the Endeavours of the Princes of *Germany* to put an End to it, shall not be finally concluded during the length of these Predictions.

The Plague, as is usual at this Season of the Year, ceases, or rather takes Breath only to revive with the more Fury, and if my *Second Sight* says true to me, the next Year it shall begin in these Countries, or entirely cease in *EUROPE*.

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